Johnson Rules in Favor of New York in Gedeon Case—To Kill Base Ball Suit

YANKS GET GEDEON. BAN JOHNSON RULES

League Head Decides Washington Club Has No Claim on Player.

GIVES PRESIDENT MINOR HIS REASONS IN LETTER

Points Out Nationals Had Chance to Obtain Player by Assuming Fed Contract.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Ban Johnson has decided the Joe Gedeon case against the Washington club. A letter to this effect reached President Benjamin S. Minor yesterday aftera letter from President Johnson in the first mail vesterday morning in which the head of the league explained that Griffith PEEVED AT CONNIE MACK erred in not taking Gedeon and his Federal League contract, Will Not Play With Yankees on which called for \$4,000 for the first year, \$4,500 the second year and \$5,000 for the third year, though Gedeon had promised John Henry, Griffith's agent, in California that he would sign with Washington for \$3,000 a year the Yankees or the Chicago American if Griffith would advance him nie Mack gives him part of the pro-\$1,000 with which to pay the ceeds of his sale. Feds' advance money he had re- afternoon, where he came from his ceived from them.

Griffith naturally did not want

that for this reason Gedeon would that Baker was a contract jumper and dishonest. be allowed to report to the New York American League club,

Cost Local Club \$7,000.

the team. He hought him from Los me." option for his services for 1916, it Baker will be presented with a large

the New York club assume his threeyear contract.

"I think we got the worst of it in
the case of Gedeon," said Griffith last
night. "Personally, I would feel certain I could win the case by going to
court with the matter, but it is not
the club's policy to do this, so I suppose we will let it drop. Our action in
the Gedeon matter was absolutely fair
and honest, and I thought it would
be decided in our favor. But we have
been ruled against and Gedeon can
now play with the Yankees."

Eddie Collins,

It had been rumored that Baker was
fresh from a conference with New York
American magnates at Baltimore. This
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American magnates at Baltimore. This
denied.

CARLYLES HOLD LEAD.

Win 7 Out of 8 Games in Noel House

Basket Ball League.

The Neel House Basket Bail League

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Just how much strength Gedeon will add to the New York team remains to be seen. If he is no better ball player than he was during his trial with the Griffmen nothing will be lost by the ruling of Ban Johnson. The fact that he proved himself a good hitter for the Salt Lake City club. where he rolled up an average of .317, means nothing so far as his ability in the American League is concerned. He may have improved, of course, but he will have had to in order to be able to hold.

Has been running along smoothly for the past two months. There has not been a postponement, and at all the games the attendance has been very satisfactory. The games always are the stendance has been very satisfactory. The games always are hard fought, and while some of the teams have not a very high average, they have made it mighty interesting for the leaders. Out of twenty-three games played, fifteen of them were won or lost by either one or two points.

The Eagles started off with a rush have had to in order to be able to hold. or lost by either one or two points. The Eagles started off with a rush and won four straight, but they have had to in order to be able to hold his own in this company. Those of the local fans who saw Gedeon in action with the local team will not consider the decision which makes him a member of the New York club a loss to the Nationals. He was looked upon as a very questionable proposition so far as making the local team was concerned, though, of course, Griffith was anxious to give him a trial with his team this spring. team this spring.
The loss of Gedeon means that Tom

the loss of Gedeon will prove to the best interests of the Nationals after all.

DOWN TO FINALS.

Philadelphia and New York Teams After Racquet Title.

BOSTON, January 29.-The semi-finals championship were played today. In the first of the two contests G. H. Brooke Poshua Crane, jr., and Fulton Cutting of the Boston Tennis and Racquet Club, Royals Engles \$5-2, 15-8, 15-6, 15-4.

MINORS AFTER CUB DISCARDS. Tinker Has Many Offers to Sell His Surplus Players.

nanagers still are hot after the sur-Manager Tinker have. If they succeed olis also want men, as does Oakland o the Pacific Coast League.

Purchase Money.

White Sox Unless Ex-Boss "Comes Across."

Franklin Baker, the self-outlawed "home run" king, will play either with League team this year, provided Con-

Baker made this statement here this farm in Trappe, Md., for the purpose of attending a banquet of the Delaware County Base Ball League tonight to assume the Federal League Baker furthermore stated he had contract, in view of the proposi- reached an agreement with Capt. Huston of the New York Americans las tion he had from Gedeon after December, and that all that stood in the latter had signed with the the way of his playing hig league ball again was Connie Mack himself

"It's up to him." said Baker, "If h The letter to President Minor don't come across I will play again made it plain that because of an next year with Upland. They treat me agreement which the peace pact The brawny "fence buster" is some called for all players who had signed with the Feds would have with the Athletics again unless Connie to be turned over to Sinclair, and retracted his statements to the effect

which purchased him for \$5,000 said Baker. "He knows that I gave him and assumed his Federal League the best I had in me. I remember when helped bring about peace and unity. "It has been said," continued Baker

Angeles for \$3,500, and figuring the Baker reiterated his statement tha salary he drew while here and while Mack had agreed verbally to let him go away, for the local club had to pay at the end of the 1914 season, despite the part of the salary he drew from Salt fact that his contract called for two more

amounted in all to about \$7,900, while loving cup tonight as a reward for havthe Feds got him for virtually nothing, ing topped the batters of the Delaware and then sold him for \$5,000, and had County League last season. The presentathe New York club assume his three- tion will be made by his old teammate,

pecial Dispatch to The Star. CHICAGO, January 29.—Minor league nlus material President Weeghman and in pending deals the roster will be diinished to thirty before the coming week is ended. Kansas City has sent in an offer to buy; St. Paul and Indianap-

the Pacific Coast Beague.

The players in demand are Pitchers Zabel, Adams, Douglass and Humphries. The bidding is likely to be lively for these four men, as Indianapolis wants Adams and Humphries. Zabel and Douglass are desired by both Kansas City and St. Paul. Alex McCarthy also is sought by Jack Hendricks of the Indianapolis team, but President Weeghman is not willing to release these players unless he can get the price requested.

Manager Elliott of the Oakland club arrived in the city this morning and held a conference with Tinker, who furnished him a list of players to be sold. Elliott sent this to Oakland and by Monday morning hopes to have an order to buy a player or two.

noon. Manager Griffith received Slugger Insists Upon Slice of

Worked Hard for Mack.

there was dissension in the ranks and

"that I demanded half the purchase price Griffith figures that Gedeon has cost from Mack. This is not so. I only want the Washington club approximately a reasonable slice of the money-that to \$7,000 since he has been a member of which I think my past services entitle

The Noel House Basket Ball League has been running along smoothly for

- MEMORIES OF CONNIE MACK.



Though Rivals Also Will Be More

Formidable Than Last Year.

By J. ED GRILLO.

Gone, But Not Forgotten.

Pitcher Eddie Plank-Released.

Outfielder on League.

LOUDEN TO HELP INFIELD

Wingo to Stick as Second Catcher.

Fred Toney Makes More

Salary Demands.

CINCINNATI, January 29. - Garry

Herrmann and Buck Herzog are going

to spring a surprise at the schedule

to tell the other National League mag

nates and the base ball world at large

the name of a sensational outfielder that they have obtained for the Cin-

cinnati Reds. Garry Herrmann made

an announcement to that effect today.

noted for his speed on the bases: he

Cobb or Benny Kauff, oh, No, with capital N, for they don't get the good ones on the local club; they only de-Incidentally, the acquisition by the Reds of Billy Louden, the former Buffalo Federal infielder, has strength ened the Red inner gardens considerably. Louden undoubtedly will try for

the second base position, which Bill

Rodgers essayed to hold down the

Wants Extra Gardeners.

has stolen an ocean of cushions in the very small one.

Garry said the Reds have practically

Second Baseman Eddie Collins-Sol Third Baseman Frank Baker-Quit. Pitcher Bob Shawkey-Sold. Outfielder Eddie Murphy-Sold Catcher Jack Lapp-Given away.

nings has luck enough to have his pitchers going good he is certain to be

REDS HAVE SURPRISE NATIONALS' FIRST DIVISION

tore his wonderful team asunder after lis defeat by the Boston Braves, Mack expects to upset the calculations of some of the teams which have pennant

Griffith figures on giving his pitchers

successful leader. There have been several occasions when he has succeeded in building up a winning com-Mack is ambitious. He believes that chance for a winner, and he may duplido much more than is expected of it.

NAVY OUT IN FRONT CHANCES PROBLEMATICAL

Promise to Spring Sensational Griffith Expects to Have Stronger Team, Defeats Brooklyn Polys, 23 to 18, in Stubborn Battle.

CHERR IS VISITORS' STAR

Is there a chance for the Nationals to finish in the first division Does Best Work of in the 1916 campaign? This is the question which is being asked quite frequently by local patrons of the game these days. It is hard

Griffith thinks he will have a stronger team next season than in ANNAPOLIS, Md.; January 29 .- The 1915. He figures that the new blood he has added will give him Midshipmen basket ballers were forced tude in team which will be harder to beat than the aggregation which fin- to extend themselves to the limit to ished at the bottom of the first division last year, but it does not fol- Polytechnic Institute here this afterlow that it will be able to make as good a showing in the pennant

To begin with, the race is going to be a lot tighter. There are a rapid clip and registered two goals going to be more than three teams fighting for first place, and the from the court before the Middles were

chances are that the margin at the end of the struggle will be a Very small one.

Boston should repeat, though the fact that some of the salaries of the champions have been cut may have a discouraging effect on the team's general playing. It frequently happens that changed conditions play havoc with a winning aggregation, but if the Carrigan forces attend to their business as they did in the last campaign they ought to bring home the bacon once more.

The Detroit Tigers are sure to be contenders, because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to baye his to be contenders, bas luck enough to have his because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to baye his because the team has a to be contenders, because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to baye his because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to baye his because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to baye his because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to baye his because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to baye his because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to have his because the team has a world of batting strength, and if Jennings has luck enough to have his been the fact that the middles as the make good. The more the better.

Cherr, the little forward, who played a star game all the way. The Sailors made their first tally on a goal from the foul circle, shot by Calhoun. After that they steadily picked up and finished the first half on the long care that they steadily picked up and finished the first half of the transport that they steadily picked up and finished the first half of the transport that they steadily picked up and finished the first half of the foul circle, shot by Calhoun. After that they steadily picked up and finished the foul circle, shot by Calhoun the foul circle, shot by Calhoun the foul circle, shot

pitchers going good he is certain to be right close to the top all the way. That Chicago team also must be reck-oned with, especially if Rowland should be fortunate enough to plug up the holes at first and third. With those positions in competent hands, the White Sox, with their wonderful batting strength, might upset calculations and finish on top.

But there are two other teams that the Nationals will have to consider, Both the Yankees and Browns finished be being Griffith last season, but both of them are vastly improved for the enert race. This is particularly true of the Yankees. The acquisition of Lee

Pitchers Chabek and Cadore and Outfielder Zimmerman Go.

NEW YOFK, January 29 .- Joseph . Chabek, pitcher, and William Zimmer man, outfielder, today were released by the Brooklyn National League club to Oakland of the Pacific Coast League, in part payment for James R. Johnston outfielder, recently obtained by Brook lyn from the Federal League. Johnston played with the Oakland club befor he jumped to the Federals.

It also was announced that Leon J. Cadore, pitcher, is to be released, probably to Montreal of the International League.

PINEHURST TENNIS FINALS.

Throckmorton and Seaver Win in Doubles of Midwinter Tourney.

PINEHURST, N. C., January 28 Harold Throckmorton of Elizabeth, inter-scholastic tennis champion, and R. C. Seaver of Brookline won the final match in the men's doubles of the midwinter tennis tournament here today from J. D. E. Jones, holder of the challenge cup, and H. A. Macklinney, both members of the Agawam Hunt Club. The scores were 6-3, 7-5.

G. W. U. Beaten in Basket Ball Game, 29 to 19.

MANY FOULS ARE CALLED

Both Teams Incur Frequent Penalties for Infractions of the Rules.

BY H. C. BYRD.

The Georgetown University basket ball team won from the George Wash ington quint last night in the second by a score of 29 to 19. George Washington got the first point, a goal from that Georgetown went ahead and maintained a big lead all through the game The game was rough and was marked blocking and running with the ball continually, and both sides were kept shooting at the baskets from the foul nes all through the contest. Kelley of Georgetown showed marked superiority over Matthews of George Wash-Kelley dropped the ball through the

were only five goals from the ANNAPOLIS, Md.) January 29.—The Midshipmen basket ballers were forced to extend themselves to the limit to win from the quint of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute here this afternoon. The count was 23 to 18.

The visitors played a very creditable.

Counter. In the second half the Blue and Gray gave evidence of greater apticular being signed until the suit was tude in floor play, and six goals were thrown from the floor. Kelley missed the withdrawn. He was assured the withdrawn. He was assured the withdrawn of form and that it would be taken from regular play, besides seven from court immediately after the significant play.

off Tuesday night, when Alpha, Md. and Pi, the two teams which are unbeaten so far, get together. The Rock-ville aggregation is confident of pull-

wants Extra Gardeners.

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BASE BALL MOGULS PLAN TO KILL SUIT

Believe Abolition of National Commission Would End Court Action.

BAN JOHNSON PERTURBED AT DELAY OF FEDERALS

0. B. May Refuse to Take Over Defunct League's Parks if Promises Are Not Kept.

CHICAGO, January 29 .- Is announcement of a probable change in the national commission due to the base ball litigation in Judge Landis' court?

To all practical intents the base ball war is a thing of the past, and yet the suit before Judge Landis has not been withdrawn. To do away with the possibility or probability of an adverse decision and for other reasons the powers of organized base ball may be planning a complete change of scenery, a switch in personnel and a new name for the supreme court of base ball.

The new contract between magnate and player is said to be drawn up in such language as to stand the test of the courts, but the national commission, with its the foul line by Matthews, but after rules and regulations, still is vulnerable to attack from sources hostile to organized base ball. No part of that agreement has been changed to conform to new conditions, and the personnel which is not representative of the major leagues still exists.

The suit before Judge Landis named basket nine times in the opening period after fouls had been called on the Hatchetite players, while Matthews made good on only one of even more chances.

In the second half Powers, a new man in the line-up of the George Washington team, showed greater ability to get he ball through the rings, and he shot seven goals for one point each. Besides these seven from the foul line Powers got two from the floor.

Among other defendants the members of the national commission and much of the attack of the Feds was leveled against the so-called trust operating in violation of law, known as organized base ball. Garry Herrmann was singled out as the arch conspirator against the rights of the independents. The rights of the player and his destiny, declared the attorneys for the plaintiffs, were in the hands of the ruling body of the game, of which Herrmann was head. among other defendants the members

floor in the first half. Georgetown got over the fallure of the Federal League three, two being made on sensational men to come through with their part of shots by O'Lone and the other being the peace agreement and withdraw the registered by Curry; George Washing- base ball suit pending in Judge Landis court. The American League chief held out for some time against the peace

Polytechnic Institute here this afternoon. The count was 23 to 18.

The visitors played a very creditable game throughout. They started off at a rapid clip and registered two goals from the court before the Middles were able to get a real look-in.

Both of these scores were made by Cherr, the little forward, who played a star game all the way. The Sailors made their first tally on a goal from the four circle, shot by Calhoun. After that they steadily picked up and finished the first half on the long end of a 10 to 6 score. The second half was even more desperately contested, despite the fact that the Middles were able to goals in rather quick succession soon after play was resumed.

Middles More Accurate.

There was little to choose between the general team-play of the contending teams, except that the Middles were a bit more accurate in shooting for the basket. Both teams were clicked with a number of fouls, and contending teams, except that the Middles were a charged with a number of fouls, and contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked with a number of fouls, and contending teams, except that the Middles were a bit more accurate in shooting for the basket. Both teams were clicked charged with a number of fouls, and contending teams, except that the Middles were a charged with a number of fouls, and contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked the manufacture of the manufacture were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams, except that the Middles were clicked by the contending teams of the contending teams, e

Joe Azevedo-Eddie May Contest Furnishes Interesting Wind-Up. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., January 29 .-

HARD FOUGHT BATTLE.